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Associated Press interview with Karl Brooks, Oct. 2013:

Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks told The Associated Press Tuesday that initial survey work for the fire break at the Bridgeton Landfill will begin next week.

① **Actual construction of the trench will start early next year and take several months.**

Here is a quote from an editorial written by Karl Brooks and published February 2014:

② **Design began last October and now nears completion under EPA oversight of a protective isolation barrier to separate Bridgeton and West Lake. Construction should begin soon, will take time, but will be done under EPA authority.**

Clearly this contradicts the Army Corps report that states design has yet to begin, and could take 18 months before construction starts. He also doesn't say "pre-construction" should begin soon.

What is the reason behind this changed timeline?

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*we hired its experts +
now that we know what the Corps know
this is a complex process
what's changed is we now have Corps acting as
construction advisers. They are moving
properly. They told us this is an exceedingly
complex process.*

② Design work *on the alignment options.* has begun. *this is what*
— the estimates we gave at the time were the best we could get.
— It's a complex site requiring thorough analysis.
we will do this
which is why we've brought in the
to the Corps of Engineers technical assistance.
we will let
that the science + engineering dictate the schedule.
this site is an ongoing
this is an active site w/ ongoing feasibility
study

The Corps of Engineers

